

Arguments/Remarks

In the office action of July 6, 2004 the examiner rejected claims 1-3, under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claim 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,503,880. No other rejections were maintained against the pending claims.

In response to the official action applicants provide the following remarks that are believed to place the present case in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of all the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Initially, have inserted the appropriate language at page 1 of the specification claiming benefit of PCT/SE00/00261 and priority of Swedish application No. 9900638-9.

Regarding the obviousness-type double patenting rejection applicants, while not agreeing with the examiner regarding the rejection, nevertheless wish to expedite prosecution of this case. Accordingly, attached hereto is a Terminal Disclaimer that is believed to overcome the only rejection of record.

In view of the remarks herein, all of the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph J. Mancini", enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

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